

# Drought Status Report

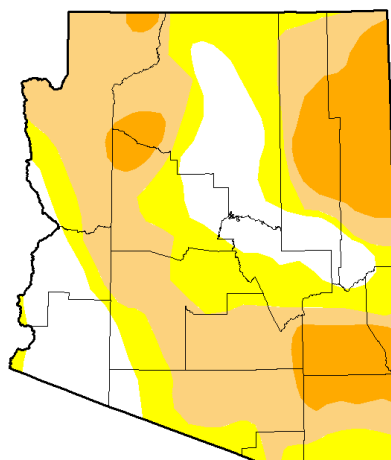
## November 2013

November was relatively dry until the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> when a very moist, warm subtropical air mass moved into the state from the eastern Pacific and met up with a low pressure system. This generated four days of rainfall across central Arizona, and the very wet conditions alleviated short-term drought across central Arizona.

The southeastern counties, particularly southern Graham and northern Cochise, and much of central Apache and Navajo counties remain very dry, with severe drought conditions (D2) resulting from a series of dry winters and relatively dry summers. Southwestern Arizona, however, is essentially drought free.

Should we get any additional storms in the late fall or early winter, they would continue to ease the drought conditions.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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|                                    | Drought Conditions (Percent Area) |        |       |       |       |      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|                                    | None                              | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
| Current                            | 20.72                             | 79.28  | 53.58 | 16.32 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Last Week<br>11/26/2013            | 20.72                             | 79.28  | 53.58 | 16.32 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago<br>9/3/2013           | 0.00                              | 100.00 | 76.23 | 42.31 | 15.55 | 1.94 |
| Start of Calendar Year<br>1/1/2013 | 0.00                              | 100.00 | 97.91 | 37.78 | 8.68  | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year<br>10/1/2012   | 14.83                             | 85.17  | 61.91 | 25.28 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago<br>12/4/2012          | 0.00                              | 100.00 | 98.62 | 41.43 | 8.50  | 0.00 |

**Intensity:**  
D0 Abnormally Dry  
D1 Moderate Drought  
D2 Severe Drought  
D3 Extreme Drought  
D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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